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Event: Superseding Indictment

Defendants: Karim Koubriti and Ahmed Hannan

Karim Koubriti, age 26 and Ahmed Hannan, age 36, both Moroccan citizens, have been named in a Fourth Superseding Indictment on charges that they conspired to commit insurance fraud and mail fraud, announced U.S. Attorney Craig S. Morford.

Defendants Koubriti and Hannan, along with a third defendant, Abdel Ilah El-Mardoudi were previously convicted in a Third Superseding Indictment on a charge of fraud and misuse of visas, and Conspiracy to Provide Material Support to Terrorists. The government having concurred in the Defendants' New Trial motion as to the fraudulent visa count, United States District Judge Rosen ordered a new trial on that count. In addition, the government moved to dismiss without prejudice the Conspiracy to Provide Material Support to Terrorists count. With the filing of the Fourth Superseding Indictment, the government will be moving the Court to dismiss without prejudice the Third Superseding indictment, which would include any charges against defendant El-Mardoudi, who is still facing federal charges of unauthorized Access Device Trafficking, and Access Device Fraud in the District of Minnesota along with false

identity document fraud charges in the Northern District of Iowa.

Today's indictment alleges that between July 2001 and September 17, 2001, KOUBRITI and HANNAN devised and intended to devise a scheme to defraud Titan Insurance of Troy, Michigan by filing false and fraudulent claims. Specifically, the indictment alleges that on July 5, 2001, KOUBRITI and HANNAN were involved in an auto accident in the City of Dearborn, Michigan, wherein both alleged injuries. The accident was immediately followed by claims to Titan Insurance company for among other things, compensation for lost wages despite their working elsewhere, physical therapy treatments they purported to receive despite being employed or otherwise enrolled in driving school and claims for household services, such as cooking, cleaning and other responsibilities which were never provided.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.